New Agitation Is Started for Referees' Decisions in Ring Contests to Cure the Sport's Many Ills

NO DECISION BOUTS HAVE HURT BOXING

Official Verdicts Needed if Fighters Are to Display Real Ability.

LEADERS ARE AT FAULT

Preliminary Boys Only Ones to Box on Merits Under Present Rules.

By CROSS COUNTER.

Although legalized decisionless boxing outs have been tried in four States and found wanting, the bill drawn by Sen-ator Gibbs of Buffalo provides for the re-tention of that feature in the proposed new law for New York State.

The burden of complaint of those who pay to see boxing bouts is that the lead-ing boxers do not contest on their merits

and thus fall to give the ticket buyers a fair return for the money expended. Preliminary boxers in a majority of instances give the patrons the only value received for the financial outlay. for the youngsters are easer to make reputations and get to the top of the reputations and get to the top of the ladder. But the prominent boxers, nine times out of ten, knowing that the reference will not decide on points, dawdle along for seven or nine rounds, according to location of the ring, and then in the final session making a cyclonic rush with a view to catching the eye of the unofficial referes.

unofficial referee.

Even the boxer who unofficially is declared to be the loser knows that the puglistic records will not show that he was beaten. The contest is set down as an "N. D." (no decision) affair, or as one facetious dawdler put it, "nothing

doing."

These disappointing bouts are being staged weekly in New Jersey. Wisconsin, Minnesota, Pennsylvania and other decisionless points, where fully 50 per cent. of the so-called "star" bouts are not on their merits. In the same States at least 98 per cent, of the preliminary contests bring out the best efforts of the boxers.

Decisions Only Romedy.

The remedy for this glaring defect in boxing is a decision in every bout that takes place. When a prominent boxer realizes that every time he is defeated the fact will be set forth in the records, will be apt to try and make every

out a winning one. In Boston, New Orleans, Dayton and other cities, where decisions on points are made by referees at the end of limited round bouts, there is very little dawdling done by the leading ringsters.

The only argument advanced against decisions by referees is that they might increase the betting on contests. As a plain matter of fact, decisionless bouts

offer a greater opportunity for betting.

It is to be hoped in the interest of honest boxing that the Gibbs bill when

various classed. In Europe and Australia these weights have been set by rugged weiter; Sergeant Johnny Shauer, authorized bodies and have been strictly enforced. In England there have been several instances of disqualification of landled Kewpie Ertle; Marty Cross. weight of their classes for title bouts.

challenger who is inclined to overtop the stipulated poundage he not only refuses to permit the prospective opponent to enter at catchweights, but in many instances the title holder declines to complete the match because of the overweight of his opponent.

The champion makes a match will kell be a likely lightweight; Sailor Eddie Fitzsimmons of Harlem and Victor Ritchie, heavy hitting 115 pounder.

Young Carpentier, a middleweight recently discharged from the French army and a boxer of class, always is ready to donate his services for the soldiers. So

ture of weight equality would topple into the discard.

The Leonard-Dundee weight arrangement was for Leonard's benefit and the alleged championship feature was for the benefit of the box office.

SMITH TWINS TO TRAVEL.

Ogatti, clever bantam; Johany Clinton and Barney Adair, clever lightweights.

All of the boxers mentioned are sub-

Promoters Lack Foresight.

Pin headed promoters are responsible for the fatality in Boston. Young Terry McGovern struck his head on the unpadded ring floor, and his death resulted. boxing. A club manager with ordinary gump tion knows that the first thing to b done after the ring floor has been laid is to cover it with felt half an inch thick ao that a boxer who falls or is knocked down will not suffer injury.

But the astute managers of the Bos-

boxed contented themselves without the padding, and the result was a fatality many rings in Jersey are unpadded, and possibly it might be well for the Jersey gation of the matter.

Eight Year Old Skating Expert



BOXERS ENTERTAIN P. S. A. L. MOURNS COL. ROOSEVELT **WOUNDED HEROES**

who falled to make the Benny Valger, French lightweight. Benny Valger, French lightweight.

Then there are Benny Leonard, light-ful friend and a bright and shining weight champion: Harry Greb, the Pitts-light to the children of our public weight champion: Jim Coffey, the Roscom-schools and the athletes of the world." In America the lack of an authoritative boxing body has opened the door to title holders to fix their own weights and while the poundage has varied from time to time ro championship match in the lighter classes ever has been made of the convergence of the conv

at catchweights.

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Others include Battling Reddy of Harcontained a definite weight at which the lem. Phil Bloom, veteran lightweight, contestants were to meet. In many who recently got a decision over Well-cases where one of the boxers has falled ling: Eddie Wallace, Brooklyn lightweight his opponent weight, who improves with age; as collected forfelt.

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Billy Grupp acts as referee, as a pro-

YANKEE ATHLETES WINTER AT TOURS RETURN IN ENGLAND

Baseball and Boxing Among the Soldiers.

BY A FORMER "SUN" MAN.

in distant lands from time to time, but never was there a set of Olympic games which saw anything like the variety of talent that has been in action here since early last spring. What would Ban Johnson and John Heydier of the American and National Lea use think about an eight hour day if they had to run more than twenty teams? There were exactly twenty-one clubs in the army baseball league of the S. O. S. here, and all in operation up to autumn.

With the opening of the football scason nine teams competed for post honors, following a regular schedule. Now it is basketball which occupies the centre of the sporting stage set by the Y. M. C. A. with fifteen clubs struggling.

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OLD CONDITIONS TO

Feature Football, Basketball, Colleges Are Resuming Sport Under System Prevailing Before War.

ANENT POST CHAMPIONS PLAN LIVELY SEASON

London, Jan. 1 (by mail) .- At a PARIS, Jan. 1 (by mail).—The live time when so many critics demand with liest bunch of American athletes ever clamor that our premier universities liest bunch of American athletes ever congregated in a foreign country"—a collection of stars in every branch of athletic activity which the Yankee knows, and all engaged in a continuous, year round demonstration—is the spectacle that may be seen any time nowadays at the great service of supplies headquarters at Tours.

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M. C. A. with fifteen clubs struggling for supremacy. Tours believes more-over that its champion aggregation in each of these branches of sport would whip any team in any army in the world.

Boxing in Pull Swing.

The boxing season, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., is in full career, and in the squared circle, as on the diamond, the gridiron and other fields S. O. S. has its full share of luminaries. Bouts are held every Friday night. Soccer, too, is achieving greater recombinity than ever.

ican professional billiard world assumed by William Hoppe interests followers of the cue game in this country.
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Primed for Specialty Show



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WAGNER WILL DRIVE.

Hoppe situation in the billiard history of England. The Daily Mail says.

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COLLEGE BOXING.

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TO BENCH HOST OF WHITE CAVALIERS

Specialty Show of Bull Ten rier Club Promises to Be a Record Breaker.

BIG WESTMINSTER ENTRY

Class for Cairn Terrier Pappies Added to Long •

The specialty show of the Buil Terrier Club of America which will be held in Madison Square Garden on February 18, promises to be the greatest of its kind ever held in this city. From all parts of this country and Canada lovers of the White Cavalier will send their lest to do battle for the fame and prizes which will go to the victors.

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Among those entered are a score of champions including Haymarket Faultiess, the Canadian bred beauty with w a crowned Kirt of Dordon at the Westminster show last season. Although Westminster show last season Although Faultless is reported to be as good as when he won premier honors last year, local fanciers who have seen his son Fieldstone Liberty Day, say the pupty is the superior.
Fieldstone Liberty Day is a sensa-

Fieldstone Liberty Day is a sensa-tional youngster, according to Wex Jones and the Rev. F. J. Heaney of Pocantics Hills, two noted experts, and both us-dict he will go through to winners how at the Specialty and Westminster shows. Another star entered is Belle Malors, which won the special for the best bitch of all breeds at the recent Toronto Other noted dogs entered are Cham

other noted dogs entered are pion Noross Patrician, Champion Allire Alive, Champion Noross, Radiant Al-fire Supreme, Noross Blue Moon, Noross Stand Pat, Champion Williston Ross, Fort Lee Belle and Champion First

Blood.
Allfire Supreme will be exhibited by his owner, Commander Spencer Eddy of the United States navy.
Many of the other competitors also will be benched by officers and mea of the United States and Canadian government. criments.

Major Clair Foster, one of the most noted fanciers in the country will be the judge. The Major is an amalest and he refuses to ask the A. K. C. for a license to judge. As a result he exhibition will not be held under the auspices of the American Kennel Clab.

A new class has been added to the premium list of the Westminster Cubs forty-third annual show, which will be held in Madison Square Garden from Feb. 19 to 22 inclusive. It is for Cairn terrier pupples dogs and bitches with prizes of \$10.55.

Look here, Mike, he said, indig-the that is not fair.'

"Let's all get together, then the target of the think in the target of the think is not fair."